

Multilingual Monthly Poetry Project is a project oriented to gather multiple translations and multiple contributions of one chosen poem for the current month. Welcome to the world of interpretations!

The poet, while being heavily ill, thought that he was about to die. Feeling the grieve toward the calamity of his Fatherland - Ukraine, he writes this poem as legacy to Ukrainians. Shevchenko tells people of Ukraine that even death won't make him leave his beloved land to go to God until he sees them throwing off the shackles of captivity, bringing Ukraine to its independence.

Poem of June, 2022 - The Testament, by Taras Shevchenko. Language of origin: Ukrainian, "Заповіт". (Summary by Anastasiia Solokha)

Read by LibriVox Volunteers. Total running time: 00:37:06

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The Testament Taras Shevchenko